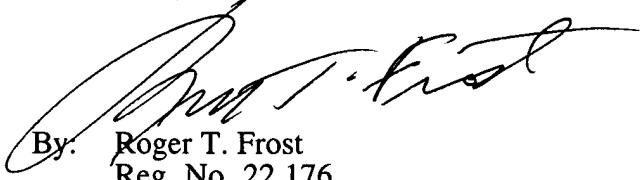


REMARKS

These amendments remove multiple dependencies from the claims, thereby reducing the total number of claims for calculating the filing fee. The amended dependencies also place all claims in condition for examination.

The applicants request entry of this amendment and await examination in due course.

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